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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 and 3-7 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 2 and 8 are being cancelled herewith.

In item 4 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1, 3, and 5-8 have been rejected as being obvious over Bailey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,731,201 B1) (hereinafter "Bailey") in view of Ioka (GB 2 265 158 A) and Kim (U.S. Patent No. 5,285,375) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

It is appreciatively noted from item 2 on page 2 of the Office action that claims 2 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 3-7 are allowable as well.

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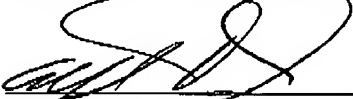
~~Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a~~
Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Sterner LLP, No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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